AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently amended): For use with a marine terminal crane at a dockside pier, a system for transferring ~~to transfer a~~ loaded containers to a ship alongside of ~~a~~ said dockside pier[[,]] by use of motorized vehicles comprising: a platform positioned on the dockside pier in underlying relation to the crane onto which each of the containers is transported by one of the ~~a~~ motorized vehicles ~~to the pier in underlying relation to the crane; said platform comprising: table;~~ reception means on the platform for ~~reception~~ receiving each of the vehicles with the container thereon in said underlying relation to the crane at the dockside pier; positioning means for displacement of the ~~table~~ reception means on the platform relative to the crane; and sensing means mounted on the platform for locationally detecting movement of the containers relative to the crane ~~for~~ and directionally controlling said displacement of the ~~table~~ reception means with the containers thereon by positioning into operative alignment below the crane to ~~effect~~ accommodate said transferring ~~transfer~~ of the container by the crane from the platform to the ship.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The ~~platform~~ system as defined in claim 1, including: a wheeled frame on which the ~~table~~ reception means is mounted; and ramp means hingedly connected to the frame for drive on of the vehicles with the container onto the platform and departure with the containers unloaded therefrom.

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The ~~platform~~ system as defined in claim 2, wherein said positioning means includes: pairs of ball screw drive devices connected to the ~~table~~ reception means to impart ~~for imparting~~ said displacement thereto in two 90° related directions.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The ~~platform~~ system as defined in claim 3, wherein said sensing means includes: laterally spaced pairs of support plates fixed to the wheeled frame; and sensor elements mounted on said plates and interconnected to form a sensing grid operatively connected to the ball screw drive devices through which detection of said movement of the containers is effected.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The ~~platform~~ system as defined in claim 1, wherein said sensing means includes: laterally spaced pairs of support plates; and sensor elements mounted on said plates and interconnected to form a sensing grid through which detection of said movement of the container is effected.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The ~~platform~~ system as defined in claim 1, wherein said positioning means includes: pairs of ball screw drive devices connected to the ~~table~~ reception means to impart ~~for imparting~~ said displacement thereto in two 90° related directions.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The ~~platform~~ system as defined in claim 6, wherein said sensing means includes: laterally spaced pairs of support plates; and sensor elements mounted on said plates and interconnected to form a sensing grid connected to the ball screw drive devices through which detection of said movement of the containers is effected.